

Guidance (EPA ICR No. 1816.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: Section 1453 (a)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires states to submit to EPA a Source Water Assessment Program within 18 months after issuance of the national guidance on State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs, which was issued by EPA on August 5, 1997. These State source water assessments and protection programs describe the process by which a State does assessments for the protection and benefit of public water systems by: delineating source water protection areas, conducting contamination source inventories and susceptibility determinations, and indicating whether or not it plans to implement a source water protection program. A State is also required to develop such a program with public participation and report the results of the assessments to the public.

Once a State program is approved by EPA, the State has two years to complete the source water assessments for the public water systems within its borders. Section 1453(a)(4) allows a State to request an extension of up to 18 months to complete the assessments. The extension request must indicate the reason a State requires additional time and must include a description of how and when the State will complete the assessment within the requested extension period. The request must also include information on the progress in implementing the assessments by the end of the first 18 months. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/24/97 (FRL-5846-4). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2,436 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the

existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: States and Puerto Rico.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 402,009 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$18,582,723.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR NO. 1816.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer,
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(2137),

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and
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs,
Office of Management and Budget,
Attention: Desk Officer for EPA,
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Dated: March 23, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140268; FRL-5781-2]

Computer Based Systems, Incorporated; Access to Trade Secret Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized Computer Based Systems, Incorporated (CBSI), 2750 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, also known as Title III. Some of the information may be claimed or

determined to be trade secret information.

DATE: CBSI will have access to the trade secret information submitted to EPA pursuant to this Notice effective April 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janette Petersen, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Rm. NE-G102, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-1558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), industry must report information on the presence, use, production, and manufacture of certain chemicals to EPA.

Under contract number 68-W-98-045, CBSI will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division in receiving and processing the information submitted by industry in response to the requirements of sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of SARA. Specifically, CBSI will establish and maintain a facility, called the Regulatory Data Collection Reporting Center. For example, CBSI personnel will be given access to SARA section 303, 311, 312, and 313 submissions and related documents. Some of the information may be claimed or may be determined to be trade secret. Personnel will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of SARA that EPA may provide CBSI access to these trade secret materials on a need-to-know basis. All access to SARA trade secret information under this contract will take place at the Regulatory Data Collection Reporting Center. Upon termination of their contract or prior to termination of their contract at EPA's request, CBSI will return all materials to EPA.

Clearance to access to SARA trade secret information under this contract is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2003.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Allan S. Abramson,

Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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